

## 11 Chiropractor

Chiropractors are enrolled only for services provided to QMB recipients or to recipients referred as a result of an EPSDT screening.

The policy provisions for chiropractors can be found in the *Alabama Medicaid Agency Administrative Code*, Chapter 11.

### 11.1 Enrollment

EDS enrolls chiropractors and issues provider contracts to applicants who meet the licensure and/or certification requirements of the state of Alabama, the Code of Federal Regulations, the *Alabama Medicaid Agency Administrative Code*, and the *Alabama Medicaid Provider Manual*.

Refer to Chapter 2, Becoming a Medicaid Provider, for general enrollment instructions and information. Failure to provide accurate and truthful information or intentional misrepresentation might result in action ranging from denial of application to permanent exclusion.

#### Provider Number, Type, and Specialty

A provider who contracts with Medicaid as a chiropractor is issued a nine-digit Alabama Medicaid provider number that enables the provider to submit requests and receive reimbursements for chiropractic-related claims.

#### **NOTE:**

All nine digits are required when filing a claim.

Chiropractors are assigned a provider type of 18 (Chiropractor). Valid specialties for chiropractors include the following:

- Chiropractor (35)
- QMB/EPSDT (EQ)

#### Enrollment Policy for Chiropractors

To participate in the Medicaid program, chiropractors must have a current certification and/or be licensed to practice and operate within the scope of practice established by the state's Board of Chiropractic Examiners.

## 11.2 Benefits and Limitations

This section describes program-specific benefits and limitations. Refer to Chapter 3, Verifying Recipient Eligibility, for general benefit information and limitations.

Chiropractic services are only covered for QMB recipients or for recipients referred directly as a result of an EPSDT screening.

For more information about the EPSDT program, refer to Appendix A, EPSDT.

## 11.3 Prior Authorization and Referral Requirements

Chiropractic services generally do not require prior authorization since services are limited to QMB recipients and EPSDT referrals. Some codes may require prior authorization before services are rendered. Refer to Chapter 4, Obtaining Prior Authorization, for general guidelines on determining if a prior authorization is needed and how to obtain the information.

When filing claims for recipients enrolled in the Patient 1<sup>st</sup> Program, refer to Chapter 39 to determine whether your services require a referral from the Primary Medical Provider (PMP).

## 11.4 Cost Sharing (Copayment)

The copayment amount is \$1.00 per visit including crossovers. Copayment does not apply to services provided for pregnant women, nursing home residents, recipients less than 18 years of age, emergencies, and family planning.

The provider may not deny services to any eligible Medicaid recipient because of the recipient's inability to pay the cost-sharing (copayment) amount imposed.

## 11.5 Completing the Claim Form

To enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of Medicaid processing, providers should bill Medicaid claims electronically.

Chiropractors who bill Medicaid claims electronically receive the following benefits:

- Quicker claim processing turnaround
- Immediate claim correction
- Enhanced online adjustment functions
- Improved access to eligibility information

Refer to Appendix B, Electronic Media Claims Guidelines, for more information about electronic filing.

➤ Electronic claims submission can save you time and money. The system alerts you to common errors and allows you to correct and resubmit claims online.

**NOTE:**

When filing a claim on paper, a CMS-1500 claim form is required. Medicare-related claims must be filed using the Medical Medicaid/Medicare-related Claim Form.

This section describes program-specific claims information. Providers should refer to Chapter 5, Filing Claims, for general claims filing information and instructions.

**11.5.1 Time Limit for Filing Claims**

Medicaid requires all claims for chiropractors to be filed within one year of the date of service. Refer to Section 5.1.4, Filing Limits, for more information regarding timely filing limits and exceptions.

**11.5.2 Diagnosis Codes**

The *International Classification of Diseases - 9th Revision - Clinical Modification* (ICD-9-CM) manual lists required diagnosis codes. These manuals may be obtained by contacting the American Medical Association, P.O. Box 10950, Chicago, IL 60610.

**NOTE:**

ICD-9 diagnosis codes must be listed to the highest number of digits possible (3, 4, or 5 digits). Do not use decimal points in the diagnosis code field.

**11.5.3 Procedure Codes and Modifiers**

Chiropractors use the Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) coding system. The CPT manual lists most Medicaid required procedure codes. This manual may be obtained by contacting the Order Department, American Medical Association, 515 North State Street, Chicago, IL 60610-9986. The (837) Professional, Institutional and Dental electronic claims and the paper claim have been modified to accept up to four Procedure Code Modifiers.

**11.5.4 Place of Service Codes**

The following place of service codes apply when filing claims for chiropractic services:

<b>POS Code</b>	<b>Description</b>
11	Office

### **11.5.5      *Required Attachments***

To enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of Medicaid processing, your attachments should be limited to the following circumstances:

- Claims with Third Party Denials

**NOTE:**

When an attachment is required, a hard copy CMS-1500 claim form must be submitted.

Refer to Section 5.7, Required Attachments, for more information on attachments.

## **11.6      For More Information**

This section contains a cross-reference to other relevant sections in the manual.

Resource	Where to Find It
CMS-1500 Claim Filing Instructions	Section 5.2
Medical Medicaid/Medicare-related Claim Filing Instructions	Section 5.6.1
EPSDT	Appendix A
Electronic Media Claims (EMC) Submission Guidelines	Appendix B
AVRS Quick Reference Guide	Appendix L
Alabama Medicaid Contact Information	Appendix N